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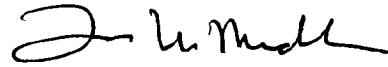
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6. An English abstract of the non-English language documents, Doc. Nos. BA1, BB1, BC1, and BD1 are provided herewith.
7. Copies of the U.S. Patent documents are not submitted herewith because this application was filed after June 30, 2003. *See* 1273 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 55 (August 5, 2003). However, copies of the foreign patents and non-patent publications are submitted herewith.
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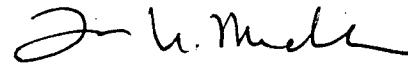
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AB1	US-3,952,747		04-27-1976	Kimmell, Jr.	
AC1	US-4,425,908		01-17-1984	Simon	
AD1	US-4,494,531		01-22-1985	Gianturco	
AE1	US-4,577,631		05-25-1986	Kreamer	
AF1	US-4,619,246		10-28-1986	Molgaard-Nielsen et al.	
AG1	US-4,643,184		02-17-1987	Mobin-Uddin	
AH1	US-4,662,885		05-05-1987	DiPisa, Jr.	
AI1	US-4,688,553		08-25-1987	Metals	
AJ1	US-4,723,549		02-09-1988	Wholey et al.	
AK1	US-4,727,873		03-01-1988	Mobin-Uddin	
AL1	US-4,765,332		08-23-1988	Fischell et al.	
AM1	US-4,772,258		09-20-1988	Marangoni et al.	
AN1	US-4,790,812		12-13-1988	Hawkins, Jr. et al.	
AO1	US-4,794,928		01-03-1989	Kletschka	
AP1	US-4,817,600		04-04-1989	Herms et al.	
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BA1	DE 3417738 A1		11-14-1985	Roettgering et al.		
BB1	DE 3900517 A1		07-20-1989	Saveliev et al.		
BC1	DE 4030998 C2		11-23-1995	Strecker		
BD1	FR 2580504		10-24-1986	Pieronne		
BE1	WO 92/03097		03-05-1992	Reger et al.		
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	AB2	US-4,926,858	05-22-1990	Gifford, III, et al.	
	AC2	US-4,943,297	07-24-1990	Saveliev et al.	
	AD2	US-4,957,501	09-18-1990	Lahille et al.	
	AE2	US-4,990,156	02-05-1991	Lefebvre	
	AF2	US-5,011,488	04-30-1991	Ginsburg	
	AG2	US-5,053,008	10-01-1991	Bajaj	
	AH2	US-5,074,871	12-24-1991	Groshong	
	AI2	US-5,090,960	02-25-1992	Don Michael	
	AJ2	US-5,092,839	03-03-1992	Kipperman	
	AK2	US-5,102,415	04-07-1992	Guenther et al.	
	AL2	US-5,108,418	04-28-1992	Lefebvre	
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	AP2	US-5,152,777	10-06-1992	Goldberg et al.	
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	AG3	US-5,370,657	12-06-1994	Irie	
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	AP3	US-5,549,626	08-27-1996	Miller et al.	
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	AE4	US-5,695,519	12-09-1997	Summers et al.	
	AF4	US-5,720,764	02-24-1998	Naderlinger	
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	AK4	US-5,769,816	06-23-1998	Barbut et al.	
	AL4	US-5,795,322	08-18-1998	Boudewijn	
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	AP4	US-5,814,064	09-29-1998	Daniel et al.	
	AQ4	US-5,827,324	10-27-1998	Cassell et al.	
	AR4	US-5,836,968	11-17-1998	Simon et al	

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